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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GRUNDFEST ET AL.

Examiner

Pierre E. Elisca

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 April 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27, 51, 70, 92, 116 and 137 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27, 51, 70, 92, 116 and 137 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-854)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____
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1. This communication is in response to Applicant's RCE filed on 04/29/2008.

Response or amendment after final has not been received.

2. Claims 1-27, 51, 70, 92, 116 and 137 are currently pending.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. IDSs filed on 04/29/2008 have been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-27, 51, 70, 92, 116 and 137 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by O' Neal et al (U.S. PG Pub No. 2004/0062370).

As per claim 1, O'Neal et al a system for facilitating processing and disposition of a transaction within an access controlled environment, comprising:
an access control facility accessible via a global data processing network and configured to maintain user information, and to permit or deny a user to enter an access controlled environment within a data processing environment and to perform user

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operations within the access controlled environment; a transaction management facility operable within the access controlled environment, coupled to the access control facility, and configured to store and maintain transaction data based on the transaction, the user operations, and a security scheme;

an authentication facility operable within the access controlled environment and configured to authenticate the transaction data based on an authentication scheme corresponding to the transaction; and a billing facility configured to consolidate data related to internal operations performed by the access control facility, the transaction management facility, and the authentication facility to generate and process billing data and to send a billing notice to a responsible party via the global data processing network (*see figs 1, 2, 3, 4, pps 0045, 00464, 0047, 0065-0066, 0073, 0079-0082, 0086*).

As per claims 2-27, 51, 70, 92, 116 and 137, their limitations do not further limit the scope of the invention. Moreover, their limitations are fully taught in O'Neal et al disclosure. Therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale as claim 1.

RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-27, 51, 70, 92, 116 and 137 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

REMARKS

7. In response to Applicant's arguments filed on 08/20/2007, Applicant argues that the prior art of record (O'Neil) fails to disclose or suggest the recited feature:

a. "a security scheme or security system". As indicated above, O'Neil discloses that most billing systems require some type of identification and authentication data that is provided by the user to preclude unauthorized access to private account information. Therefore, this process detailed above as taught by O'Neil is readable as a security system or scheme.

b. Applicant further argues that O'Neil fails to disclose an access control to permit or deny a user to enter an access controlled environment. However, the Examiner respectfully disagrees with Applicant's characterization of the prior art. O'Neil discloses this limitation in fig 10, paragraph, [0101] and [0102]).

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 571 272 6706. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00. Patents and hoteling.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer can be reached on 571 272 6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/ Pierre E. Elisca/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3621